

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-2552**  
**Corcoran Ice House**  
**2300 Western Run Road**  
**Butler, Baltimore County**  
**Circa 1830**  
**Private**

The Corcoran Ice House is located in the historic village of Butler in the Fifth District of Baltimore County and was constructed circa 1890. In 1881, it had a population of 2,241. During the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, this area was considered a highly industrial section of Baltimore County, due to its numerous saw-mills, paper-mills, and flour-mills. The previous MHT field survey form describes that T. Montgomery Corcoran was the entrepreneur of a creamery business beginning in 1897. This building was an ice-house, and a creamery for his business. In 1902, the business was sold to Shadrach K. Cole and by 1915 William Patterson took over. In 1933, the mill for the business was destroyed and the ice house was altered to provide residential apartments.

Facing south, this dwelling sits adjacent to the road and is surrounded by several mature and immature trees and shrubs. A paved driveway leads to the house and a wood rail fence lines the property. It is sited on a sloping grassy lot in a rural landscape along a creek. The house sits on a solid random rubble foundation and is constructed in a 6-course American brick bond. The façade has one single-leaf wood panel-and-light door that is recessed. It is lighted on the façade with two 2/2 double-hung sash windows and one 1-light fixed window. The windows feature splayed lintels and stone sills. One of the double-hung windows is a vinyl replacement and the doors have been replaced. The building originally was one story atop a raised basement and capped with a flat roof. In the 1930s, the flat roof was raised to include a half story and changed to a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. One exterior brick chimney has been added to this dwelling circa 1980. The roof features overhanging eaves and exposed roof rafters. Attached to the façade of the house is a portico/carport supported with square wood posts. This structure dates circa 1990 and has an asymmetrical gable roof. A wood frame barn dating around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century sits to the northwest of the dwelling.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

BA-2552

**1. Name of Property** (indicate preferred name)

historic Corcoran Ice House

other

## 2. Location

street and number	2300 Western Run Road	not for publication
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city, town	Butler	vicinity
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county Baltimore

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Mary C. Michel
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telephone

city, town	Butler	state	MD	zip code	21033
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#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 33/158

city, town	Towson	liber	1091	folio	191
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## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

## 6. Classification

[illegible]

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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A wood frame barn dating around the turn of the 20th century sits to the northwest of the dwelling. It is one story high and two bays wide. It sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation and is clad with vertical board siding. It has one vertical board Dutch door and a side gable roof covered with standing-seam metal. The barn also features one open bay and the roof has overhanging eaves. Finally, a 1990s gazebo is located on this property. It is screened and capped with a conical shaped roof.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	1830 ca.	Architect	Unknown
Construction dates	1830 ca.	Builder	Unknown

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Corcoran Ice House is located in the historic village of Butler in the Fifth District of Baltimore County and was constructed circa 1890. The Fifth District has very few towns and its population is sparse compared to other neighboring districts. It covers over 47 square miles and is bounded on the west by Carroll County, on the north by the Sixth District, on the east by the Seventh and Eighth Districts, and on the south by the Eighth and Fourth Districts. In 1881, it had a population of 2,241.1 During the late 19th century, this area was considered a highly industrial section of Baltimore County, due to its numerous saw-mills, paper-mills, and flour-mills.

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### Endnotes

1. J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 869.

2. Baltimore County Inventory  
Bibliography

Brooks, Neal A. and Eric G. Rockel. A History of Baltimore County. Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979.

Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.

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Sidney, J. C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.  
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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.52  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Hereford, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

This dwelling is located at 2300 Western Run Road in Butler in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with tax map 33 and parcel 158 since its construction.

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	K. Baynard/Architectural Historian		
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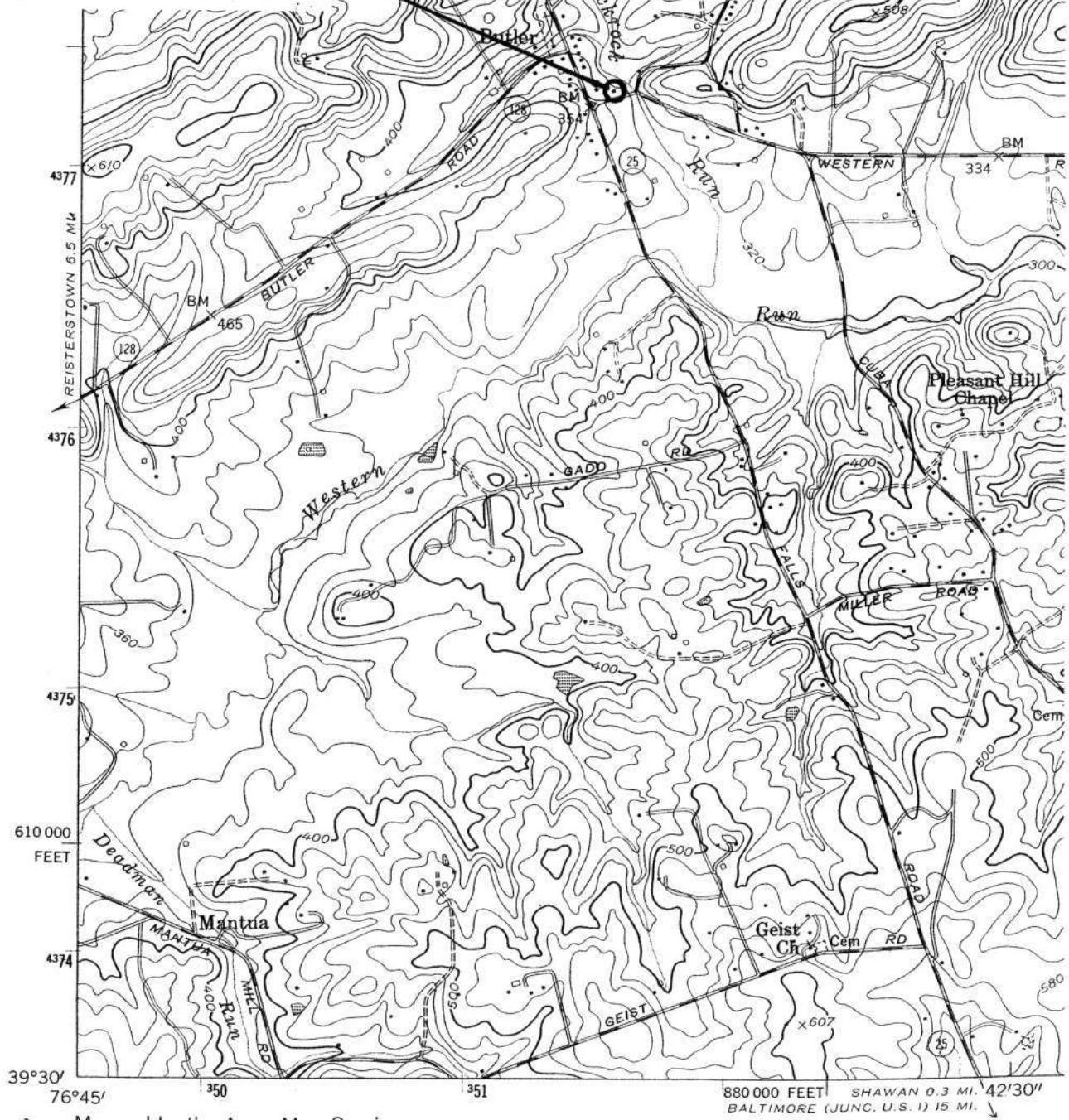
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HAMPSTEAD 7.6 MI.

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Corcoran Ice House  
Sparks  
Baltimore County  
Hereford MD USGS Map





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CORCORAN HOUSE

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MD SHPO

HOUSE, SOUTHEAST CORNER

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CORCORAN HOUSE

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HOUSE, NORTHEAST CORNER

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HOUSE, NORTHWEST CORNER

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MD SHPO

BARN, VIEW LOOKING NORTH

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